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SUBJ: POLICE SACK PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE

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1. MOB OF DEMONSTRATORS, PRIMARILY COMPOSED OF POLICEMEN FROM BANGKOK UNITS, BROKE INTO THE PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT'S RESIDENCE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF 20 AUGUST 1975. ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTED DEMONSTRATORS NUMBERED SEVERAL THOUSAND, AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO LIVES IN THE AREA REPORTS THAT THE CROWD COULD NOT HAVE BEEN LARGER THAN 200 OR 300 PERSONS. PRIME MINISTER WAS NOT RPT NOT PRESENT AT TIME AND WAS NOT RPT NOTINJURED. THE MOB WAS REPORTEDLY PROTESTING THE RELEASE OF THE NINE FARMER AND STUDENT ACTIVISTS IN LAMPHUN PROVINCE (BANGKOK 17077). THE RIOTERS SMASHED ARTICLES WITHIN THE HOUSE AND CAUSED SOME
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STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS AREPORT SOME

PSITOL FIRE, BUT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS INJURIES
REPORTED.

2. WHILE RIOT AT HIS RESIDENCE WAS GOING ON, KHUKRIT
WAS AT NEARBY POLICE STATION ANSWERING QUESTIONS
FROM ANOTHER GROUP OF PROTESTING POLICEMEN ABOUT THE
RELEASE OF THE LAMPHUN DETAINEES, EMPHASIZING THAT
RELEASE WAS AT DISCRETION OF PROSECUTORM.

3. AFTER THE SACKING, KHUKRIT SUMMONED A CABINET
MEETING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AROUND 0200 HOURS 20
AUGUST 1975. THE DOMESTIC RADIO HAS NOT ANNOUNCED
ANY RESULTS OF THAT MEETING AS OF 1000 HOURS,
BUT KHUKRIT SAID HE WOULD FORGIVE THOSE WHO
RANSACKED HIS HOUSE QTE BECAUSE IT WAS THE ACT OF
DRUNKEN MEN. END QTE.

4. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NEITHER DETAINED NOR ARRESTED
ANY OF THE PROTESTING POLICEMEN, AND CHIEF OF POLICE
PHOT PEKANAN TOLD PRESS THAT SINCE PRIME MINISTER
FORGAVE PROTESTORS, HE ALSO FORGAVE THEM.

5. COMMENT FOLLOWS IN SEPTTEL.
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